THE CATECHISM OF THE CHURCH: WITH *PROOFS* FROM THE New Testament:

And ſome Additional

Queſtions and *Anſwers.*

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THE PREFACE.

THE Catechiſm *of the* Church *is ſo clear, and comprehenſive, as to want neither* Expoſition, *nor* Enlargement: *However, to make it the fitter to attend upon the* Publick *Service of God, in a large* Congregation; *I have (with entire ſubmiſſion to my Superiours) taken the liberty to publiſh it with Three Improvements: (if I may ſo call them)* 1. *By dividing it into proportionable* Sections, *for the diſpatching of the whole in a convenient Period of time:* 2. *By confirming all the Branches of it with* Scriptural Proofs: *And* 3. *By explaining more fully ſome parts of it, and eſpecially the* Articles *of the* Creed; *and that theſe* Additions *may not ſeem to claim an equal rank with the reſt, they are printed in a diſtinct Character. I know, the* Catechiſm *hath been attended ſo often within theſe few Years, with uſeful Enlargements from ſeveral hands; that to come*

after them with such a slight performance, may be counted a mean undertaking: But having a particular design to pursue, which none of these did exactly answer; (some being too copious, and elaborate, and the rest not suiting perfectly with my Scheme) I have ventur'd upon a new Model, for the use of the Parish *committed to my trust: In which I was desirous (according to my duty) to settle an easie Method of Catechizing upon every* Lord's day, *in the time of Divine Service; as hoping then to do it with the greatest success.*

For this reason I have divided the Work into XII *Portions of such a moderate compass, as that* one *of them may without trouble be finish'd at a time; and the* whole *in a Circle of Three Months: And by such an instructive variety of Matter, there will be no fear (I presume) of tiring the Congregation. If it be thought, that some of the* Sections *are made of an inconvenient length, by multiplying the* Proofs, *and lay too heavy a burthen upon the young learners, the Affair may be thus order'd, at the discretion of the* Catechist: *I have upon no Head exceeded the number of* Four Proofs; *and*

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when there is such choice, upon the first going over of the Catechism, the first *Proof may be given; and at the* second *time the* second, *and so on, where the number will bear it: By which means they may all be dispatched in a Year, and the Children may have nothing impos'd upon them above their capacities. And both they, and the whole Congregation may be much edify'd by the customary use of so many necessary Lessons from the Holy Scripture: and when any one of the Proofs to a Branch is publickly repeated, they who look upon the Catechism, may have the rest in their Eye, and be able to treasure them up for their own benefit.*

This indeed was my principal aim, to furnish my young Parishioners with a stock of Divine *Instructions; and to teach them by this* Essay *the way of using the* Scriptures: *And though for good Reasons, I have chosen my Proofs wholly out of the* New Testament, *which is the proper ground of all* Christian *Doctrine; yet after this Pattern, they may improve all the parts of the* Bible *to* Knowledge, *and* Piety, *and* Vertue. *The Proofs which I have selected from the great plenty before me, are set down in a* Catechetical *Form, and in words at length; because*

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the bare pointing to them by Marginal *References, hath not the due effect upon the generality of the People, for want of their diligence to consult them: Whereas such Passages inculcated to them in the Publick Assemblies, and laid up in their Memories; may prove very instrumental (by the* Grace *of* God) *to guide their Steps, and to preserve them against* Errour, *and* Sin. *The same advantage may be expected from the like* Method *in* Private *Families: And I would earnestly beseech* Parents, *and* Masters, *not to be wanting in this Charitable Office to those under their care; but to initiate them seasonably in the Principles of Religion, and to prepare them regularly for* Confirmation, *according to the excellent Order of the* Church, *and the Example of the* Primitive *Times: That by such early engagements, they may be fitted for higher degrees of Proficiency; and may walk uprightly in the midst of a* crooked *Generation, neither declining to the* right *hand, nor to the* left. *Domestick Institution is to lead the way to the Church; and 'tis a true Observation, made by one very eminent in Learning, and Piety;* Let us preach never so

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many Sermons unto the People, our labour is but loſt, as long as the Foundation is unlaid, and the firſt Principles untaught, upon which all other Doctrine muſt be builded: *And therefore no Chriſtian, that hath under him any tender, and uninſtructed Souls, can be ignorant of his Duty in training them up Religiouſly; a Duty viſible even by the light of Nature; and commanded by God to his ancient People; and recommended by Apoſtolical Exhortations; and acknowledg'd in all Ages to be of Univerſal Neceſſity. Let us then be active, and faithful in diſcharging this Obligation; as knowing that we muſt give an account to God, for the* little ones *entruſted with us: But when we have done what lies in our power, we muſt depend upon the* Divine *Bleſſing, for the ſucceſs of our Endeavours; for* Neither is he planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increaſe. 1 Cor. 3. 7.

☞ THE Curate of every Parish shall diligently upon *Sundays*, and Holidays, after the Second Lesson at Evening Prayer, openly in the Church instruct, and examine so many Children of his Parish sent unto him, as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism.

And all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and Dames, shall cause their Children, Servants, and Prentices (which have not learned their Catechism) to come to the Church at the time appointed, and obediently to hear, and be ordered by the Curate; until such time as they have learned all that is here appointed for them to learn.

From Canon LX.

IT hath been a solemn, ancient, and laudable Custom in the Church of God, continued from the Apostles time; that all Bishops should lay their Hands upon Children baptized, and instructed in the Catechism of Christian Religion; praying over them, and blessing them: which we commonly call *Confirmation*.

A Prayer to be said by Children, when they are learning the Catechism.

BLessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our Learning; Grant that I may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that all instructions agreeable to them; that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, I may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of Everlasting Life; which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THE CATECHISM, WITH

Proofs from the New Teſtament, and ſome Additional QUESTIONS and ANSWERS.

SECT. I.

Of the Benefits of BAPTISM.

Queſt. WHat is your Name?

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Queſt. Why doſt thou tell me the Name receiv'd in thy Baptiſm, rather than that of thy Family?

Anſ. Becauſe the Name I receiv'd at my Baptiſm, puts me in mind of the Duties and Privileges of the Chriſtian Religion.

Queſt. Who gave you this Name?

Anſw. My God-fathers and God-mothers in my Baptiſm; wherein I was made a Member of Chriſt, the Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Queſt. Why did your God-fathers and God-mothers give you your Chriſtian Name?

Anſw. Becauſe they preſented me to my Baptiſm, by which I was made a Chriſtian; and did anſwer, and engage for me; and gave ſecurity to the Church for my Chriſtian Education: And therefore I regard them as my Spiritual Parents.

Queſt. How waſt thou made in Baptiſm a Member of Chriſt?

Anſw. In being then made a Member of his Spiritual Body, the Church; and thereby united to him as our Head, and deriving from him all my Strength, and Power to live as a Chriſtian.

Queſt. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Anſw. From *Rom.* 12. 5. *We being many, are one Body in Chriſt.*

1 Cor. 12. 12, 13. *As the Body is one, and*

and hath many Members, ſo alſo is Chriſt: For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body.

Eph. 1. 22, 23. *He gave him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is his Body,*

Queſt. How waſt thou made in Baptiſm the Child of God?

Anſw. In being then by the Grace, and favour of God adopted for one of his Children; through Chriſt, and our regeneration in him.

Queſt. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Anſw. From *Joh.* 1. 12. *As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name.*

Rom. 8. 15. *Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

Gal. 3. 26, 27. *Ye are all the Children of God by faith in Chriſt Jeſus: For as many of you as have been baptized into Chriſt, have put on Chriſt.*

Queſt. How waſt thou made in Baptiſm an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Answ. In having the promise of this Eternal Inheritance; so that I may surely attain to it, by leading a Christian life.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Answ. From *Luke* 12. 32. *Fear not, little Flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.*

Rom. 8. 16, 17. *We are the Children of God; And if Children, then Heirs, Heirs of God, and Joynt-heirs with Christ.*

Tit. 3. 5, 7. *According to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost: That being justified by his Grace, we should be made Heirs according to the hope of eternal Life.*

1 John 2. 25. *This is the promise that he hath promis'd us, even eternal Life.*

Sect. II. *Of the Vow of Baptism.*

Quest. YOu have told me what you were made in Baptism: but cannot you forfeit these great advantages?

Answ.

Answ. I cannot fail of them, if I keep the Promises made for me, when I was baptiz'd.

Quest. What did your God-fathers and God-mothers then for you?

Answ. They did promise, and vow three things in my Name: First, that I should renounce the Devil, and all his works; the pomps, and vanity of this wicked World; and all the sinful lusts of the Flesh. Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. And thirdly, that I should keep God's holy Will, and Commandments; and walk in the same all the days of my life.

Quest. Dost thou not think, that thou art bound to believe, and to do, as they have promised for thee?

Answ. Yes verily; and by God's help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God, to give me his Grace, that I may continue in the same unto my lives end.

Queſt. Thou doſt well in praying to God for his Grace, and in owning the neceſſity of his help: But what Proof haſt thou from Scripture, for the doing ſo?

Anſw. From *John* 15. 5. *Without me ye can do nothing.*

2 Cor. 12. 9. *He ſaid unto me, My Grace is ſufficient for thee; for my ſtrength is made perfect in weakneſs.*

Phil. 2. 13. *It is God which worketh in you, both to will, and to do, of his good pleaſure.*

Phil. 4. 13. *I can do all things through Chriſt, which ſtrengthneth me.*

Queſt. Where didſt thou learn to pray to God for his Grace?

Anſw. From *Luke* 11. 13. *If ye being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your Children; how much more ſhall your heavenly Father, give the holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Heb. 4. 16. *Let us come boldly unto the Throne of Grace; that we may obtain mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need?*

Queſt. What doſt thou bind thy ſelf to, in renouncing the Devil, and all his works?

Anſw.

Answ. I bind my self to the abhorrence of *Satan*, and all his temptations; and to the avoiding of all wickedneſs, either prompted by him, or done in imitation of him.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of this Obligation?

Answ. From 1 *John* 3. 8. *He that committeth Sin is of the Devil; for the Devil ſinneth from the beginning: For this purpoſe the Son of God was manifeſted, that he might deſtroy the works of the Devil.*

1 John 5. 18. *We know that whoſoever is born of God, ſinneth not: But he that is begotten of God, keepeth himſelf; and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

Epheſ. 4. 27. *Neither give place to the Devil.*

Queſt. What doſt thou bind thy ſelf to, in renouncing the pomps and vanity of this wicked World?

Answ. I bind my ſelf not to ſeek greedily, or by unlawful means, after Honour, and Glory, and Riches; nor to uſe any of God's Creatures to exceſs; but to refrain from Pride, and Ambition,

and Covetouſneſs; and from ungodly and vain Cuſtoms, and all the outward allurements to Sin.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of this Obligation?

Anſw. From 1 *John* 2. 15. *Love not the World, neither the things that are in the World. If any Man love the World, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Rom. 12. 5. *Be not conformed to this World.*

Jam. 4. 4. *Know ye not, that the friendſhip of the World is enmity with God? Whoſoever therefore will be a friend of the World, is the enemy of God.*

Queſt. What doſt thou bind thy ſelf to, in renouncing the ſinful luſts of the Fleſh?

Anſw. I bind my ſelf to abſtain from thoſe ſenſual Pleaſures, which God hath forbidden; and to reſiſt all impure deſires; and to tame, and regulate my diſorderly Inclinations, and corrupt Nature, inwardly delighting in what is evil.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of this Obligation?

Anſw.

Anſw. From *Gal.* 5. 24. *They that are Chriſt's have crucified the Fleſh, with the affections, and luſts.*

Rom. 8. 13. *If ye live after the Fleſh, ye ſhall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortifie the deeds of the Body, ye ſhall live.*

1 Pet. 2. 11. *I beſeech you as Strangers, and Pilgrims, abſtain from fleſhly luſts, which war againſt the Soul.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of being bound to believe all the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith?

Anſw. From *John* 3. 36. *He that believeth on the Son, hath everlaſting life: and he that believeth not the Son, ſhall not ſee life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

John 17. 3. *This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jeſus Chriſt whom thou haſt ſent.*

Mar. 16. 16. *He that believeth, and is baptized, ſhall be ſaved: but he that believeth not, ſhall be damned.*

1 John 3. 23. *This is his commandment, that we ſhould believe on the Name of his Son Jeſus Chriſt.*

Queſt.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of being bound to keep all the Commandments of God?

Anſw. From *John* 14. 15. *If ye love me, keep my Commandments.*

Mat. 28. 20. *Teaching them to obſerve all things, whatſoever I have commanded you.*

1 John 2. 3, 4. *Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his Commandments. He that ſaith, I know him, and keepeth not his Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

Eph. 2. 10. *We are his Workmanſhip, created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we ſhould walk in them.*

Sect. III. *Of the Creed: and more particularly of God the Father.*

Catechist. **Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.**

Answer.

1. I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven, and Earth: 2. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: 3. Who was Conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: 4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was Crucified, Dead, and Buried; He descended into Hell: 5. The third day he rose again from the dead: 6. He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right-hand of God the Father Almighty. 7. From thence he shall come to judge the Quick, and the Dead. 8. I believe in the Holy Ghost: 9. The Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints: 10. The forgiveness of Sins: 11. The Resurrection of the Body: 12. And the Life Everlasting. Amen.

Quest.

Queſt. Thou haſt well repeated this Apoſtolical Summary of the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion: But why doſt thou ſay *Amen*, after the rehearſing of it?

Anſw. To teſtifie my ſtedfaſt belief of it; and my deſire to live, as one that heartily believes it.

Queſt. What doſt thou chiefly learn in theſe Articles of thy Belief?

Anſw. Firſt, I learn to believe in God the Father; who hath made me, and all the World.

Secondly, In God the Son; who hath redeemed me, and all Mankind.

Thirdly, In God the Holy Ghoſt; who ſanctifieth me, and all the Elect People of God.

Queſt. What is it to believe in God?

Anſw. To believe that God is, and that he is faithful, and true in all his words: and to truſt in him, and depend upon him.

Queſt. Let us go over the Articles of the Creed more diſtinctly: What believeſt thou concerning the firſt Article, *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven, and Earth?* *Anſ.*

Anſw. I believe that there is one living, and true God; an Infinite, Eternal, and Incomprehenſible Spirit; having all Perfections in, and of himſelf: and that God was from all Eternity the Father of our Lord Chriſt; and that he hath an unlimited Power, and Right to do whatſoever he pleaſeth; and that he did exert this Power, in making out of nothing, by his Word alone, the Heavens, and the Earth, and all things therein; which he ſtill preſerves, and diſpoſeth of moſt wiſely, according to his own Will.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of God's being an Eternal Spirit?

Anſw. From *John* 4. 24. *God is a Spirit.*

1 Tim. 1. 17. *Unto the King eternal, immortal, inviſible, the only wiſe God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever.*

1 Tim. 6. 16. *Who only hath Immortality, dwelling in the light which no Man can approach unto; whom no Man hath ſeen, nor can ſee: to whom be honour and power everlaſting.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou, that there is but One God?

Anſw.

Answ. From 1 *Cor.* 8. 4. *There is none other God but One.*

Eph. 4. 6. *One God, and Father of all; who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

1 Tim. 2. 5. *There is one God, and one Mediator between God and Men, the Man Christ Jesus.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of Three Persons in the Unity of this Godhead?

Answ. From 1 *John* 5. 7. *There are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these Three are One.*

Mat. 28. 19. *Teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

2 Cor. 13. 14. *The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of God's being Almighty?

Answ. From *Mat.* 19. 26. *With God all things are possible.*

Mar. 14. 36. *Abba, Father, All things are possible unto thee.*

Rom.

Rom. 4. 21. *Being fully perſwaded, that what he had promiſed, he was able alſo to perform.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of God's Creating the World?

Anſw. Beſides the Hiſtory of the Creation, from *Acts* 4. 24. *Lord, thou art God, which haſt made Heaven, and Earth, and the Sea, and all that in them is.*

1 Cor. 8. 6. *To us there is but one God the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jeſus Chriſt, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

Heb. 11. 3. *Through Faith we underſtand, that the Worlds were framed by the word of God; ſo that things which are ſeen, were not made of things which do appear.*

Rev. 4. 11. *O Lord, thou haſt created all things; and for thy pleaſure they are, and were created.*

Sect. IV. *Of Christ in his Divine Nature, and Incarnation.*

Queſt. WHat believeſt thou concerning the ſecond Article of the Creed, *And in Jeſus Chriſt, his only Son, our Lord?*

Anſw. I believe in *Jeſus*, as the Saviour of Mankind; and that he is truly the *Chriſt*, who was promiſed to come for our Redemption: and that he is the only Son of God by Nature, begotten from everlaſting of the Father: and that he is our Lord, and Maſter, and God.

Queſt. What is imply'd by owning *Jeſus* to be *Chriſt*, or the *Meſſias?*

Anſw. That he was the promiſed Redeemer of his People; and was anointed with the Spirit of God, to be their King, and Prieſt, and Prophet.

Queſt. How is Chriſt our King, and Prieſt, and Prophet?

Anſw. He is our King, in governing, and protecting his Church: He is our Prieſt,

Prieſt, in offering one Sacrifice, and always interceding for us: and he is our Prophet, in teaching us moſt perfectly the Will of God.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of being bound to believe in Chriſt?

Anſw. From *John* 3. 18. *He that believeth on him, is not condemned: but he that believeth not, is condemned already; becauſe he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.*

John 14. 1. *Ye believe in God; believe alſo in me.*

Acts 16. 31. *Believe on the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and thou ſhalt be ſaved.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that Chriſt is the Saviour of Mankind?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 1. 21. *Thou ſhalt call his Name* Jeſus: *for he ſhall ſave his People from their Sins.*

1 Tim. 1. 15. *This is a faithful ſaying, and worthy of all acceptation; That Chriſt Jeſus came into the World to ſave Sinners.*

Heb. 5. 9. *He became the Authour of eternal Salvation, unto all them that obey him.*

1 John 4. 14. *We have ſeen, and do*

 teſtifie,

teſtifie, that the Father ſent the Son to be the Saviour of the World.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that Salvation can be obtain'd by no other way, but by Chriſt alone?

Anſw. From *John* 14. 6. *I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: no Man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

John 15. 6. *If a Man abide not in me, he is caſt forth as a Branch, and is wither'd; and Men gather them, and caſt them into the Fire, and they are burned.*

Acts 4. 12. *Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under Heaven given among Men, whereby we muſt be ſaved.*

1 John 5. 12. *He that hath the Son, hath Life: and he that hath not the Son, hath not Life.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that *Jeſus* is the *Chriſt?*

Anſw. From *Mat.* 16. 16. *Thou art Chriſt, the Son of the living God.*

John 6. 69. *We believe, and are ſure that thou art that Chriſt, the Son of the living God.*

Acts 2. 36. *Let all the Houſe of Iſrael know*

know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have Crucified, both Lord, and Christ.

1 John 5. 1. *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Christ is the Only Son of God?

Answ. From *John* 1. 18. *No Man hath seen God at any time: the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

1 John 4. 9. *In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the World, that we might live through him.*

Quest. How dost thou prove our Saviour to be God?

Answ. From *John* 1. 1. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Rom. 9. 5. *Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever.*

Phil. 2. 6. *Who being in the form of God, thought it not Robbery to be equal with God.*

Col. 2. 9. *In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the third Article of the Creed, *Who was Conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, Born of the Virgin* Mary?

Anſw. I believe that Chriſt was Conceived without any Sin, by the miraculous Power of the Holy Ghoſt, overſhadowing a pure Virgin, whoſe Name was *Mary*: and that he perfectly took our Nature, and was born of her, appearing hereby to be the Son of *David*.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of our Lord's Conception by the Holy Ghoſt?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 1. 20. *Fear not to take unto thee* Mary *thy Wife; for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghoſt.*

Luke 1. 35. *The Holy Ghoſt ſhall come upon thee, and the power of the Higheſt ſhall overſhadow thee: therefore alſo that Holy thing which ſhall be born of thee, ſhall be called the Son of God.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou, that our Lord did really take the Nature of Man?

Anſw. From *John* 1. 14. *The Word was made Fleſh, and dwelt among us.*

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Gal. 4. 4. *God ſent forth his Son made of a Woman.*

Heb. 2. 16. *Verily he took not upon him the Nature of Angels; but he took on him the Seed of* Abraham.

1 Tim. 3. 16. *God was manifeſt in the Fleſh.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that Chriſt deſcended from *David?*

Anſw. From his Genealogy in the Goſpel; and from

Mat. 21. 9. *Hoſanna to the Son of* David.

Luke 1. 32. *The Lord God ſhall give unto him the Throne of his Father* David.

Acts. 13. 23. *Of this Man's Seed hath God, according to his Promiſe, raiſed unto* Iſrael *a Saviour, Jeſus.*

Rom. 1. 3. *Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, who was made of the Seed of* David, *according to the Fleſh.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that Chriſt was born of a Virgin?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 1. 22, 23. *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was ſpoken of the Lord by the Prophet, ſaying, Behold, a Virgin ſhall be with-Child, and ſhall bring forth a Son.*

Sect. V. *Of Christ in his Sufferings, and Exaltation.*

Quest. WHat believeſt thou concerning the fourth Article of the Creed, *Suffered under* Pontius Pilate, *was Crucified, Dead, and Buried*; * *He deſcended into Hell?*

* This branch may as reaſonably be joyn'd with the following Article: but the full meaning of it the Church hath left undetermin'd.

Anſw. I believe that the Son of God having taken our Fleſh, did therein, for our benefit, undergo the accurſed death of the Croſs; to which he was condemned by *Pontius Pilate*, the *Roman* Governour of *Judea*: and that his Soul was really ſeparated from his Body; which lying for ſome time in the Grave, his Soul removed to the Spirits of Men departed; and having conquer'd the Powers of Darkneſs by his Croſs, he went down into Hell.

Queſt. Why did our Lord ſubmit to the death of the Croſs?

Anſw.

Anſw. To deliver Mankind, by the infinite price of his Blood, from the Puniſhment, and Curſe that was due for our Sins; and to reconcile his Father to us, by ſatisfying his Juſtice, and making himſelf a Sacrifice for us.

Queſt. How is this end of our Saviour's death prov'd from the Scripture?

Anſw. From *Gal.* 3. 13. *Chriſt hath redeemed us from the Curſe of the Law, being made a Curſe for us.*

Rom. 5. 10. *When we were Enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son.*

1 Pet. 2. 24. *Who his own ſelf bare our ſins in his own Body on the Tree, that we being dead to Sins, ſhould live unto Righteouſneſs: by whoſe Stripes ye were healed.*

1 John 2. 2. *He is the propitiation for our Sins: and not for ours only, but alſo for the Sins of the whole World.*

Queſt. What Proof is there of Chriſt's deſcending into Hell?

Anſw. From *Acts* 2. 25, 27. David *ſpeaketh concerning him, Thou wilt not leave my Soul in Hell.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concer-

ning the fifth Article of the Creed, *The third day he roſe again from the dead?*

Anſw. I believe that on the Morning of the third day after his Paſſion, the Soul of *Chriſt* was united again to his crucify'd Body; and he aroſe from the Grave, to an Immortal Life, by the Power of God.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove the Reſurrection of *Chriſt* in this manner?

Anſw. From the Hiſtory of the Goſpel: and from

Acts 2. 24. *Whom God hath raiſed up, having looſed the pains of Death; becauſe it was not poſſible, that he ſhould be holden of it.*

Acts 13. 37. *He whom God raiſed again, ſaw no corruption.*

Rom. 6. 9. *Chriſt being raiſed from the dead, dieth no more; Death hath no more dominion over him.*

Rev. 1. 18. *I am he that liveth, and was dead: and behold, I am alive for evermore,* Amen; *and have the Keys of Hell, and of Death.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the ſixth Article of the Creed, *He*

aſcended

aſcended into Heaven; and ſitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty?

Anſw. I believe that Chriſt, having finiſh'd by his death the work of our Redemption, was in his glorify'd Body taken up to Heaven, in the ſight of his Diſciples, forty days after his Reſurrection: and that from his entrance into Heaven, he hath been exalted to the honour of ſitting at the right hand of God the Father; and of appearing for us in his Preſence, with full Power, and Dominion.

Queſt. Thou didſt tell me truly, that God is a Spirit; and how then can Chriſt ſit at his right hand?

Anſw. This Expreſſion is borrow'd from the manner of Men, in counting it the moſt honourable place, to be ſet on the right hand of a Prince: and ſo it ſignifies, that Chriſt is advanc'd in Heaven to the higheſt Dignity, and Authority under God.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of the truth of this Article?

Anſw. From the Hiſtory of our Lord's Aſcenſion: and from

1 Pet. 3. 22. *Who is gone into Heaven, and is on the right hand of God; Angels, and Authorities, and Powers being made ſubject unto him.*

Eph. 1. 20, 21. *He raiſed him from the dead, and ſet him at his own right hand in the heavenly places; Far above all Principality, and Power, and Might, and Dominion; and every name that is named, not only in this World, but alſo in that which is to come.*

Heb. 10. 12. *This Man after he had offered one ſacrifice for ſins, for ever ſat down on the right hand of God.*

Acts 7. 56. *Behold, I ſee the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man ſtanding on the right hand of God.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the ſeventh Article of the Creed, *From thence he ſhall come to judge the Quick, and the Dead?*

Anſw. I believe that Chriſt ſhall come down again from Heaven with great Majeſty, to judge all Men according to their works done in this Life; both the Righteous, and the Wicked; both ſuch as ſhall be found alive at his

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ſecond coming, and ſuch as have died, and ſhall die before it, in all Ages of the World.

Queſt. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 16. 27. *The Son of Man ſhall come in the glory of his Father, with his Angels; and then he ſhall reward every Man according to his works.*

Acts 10. 42. *He commanded us to preach unto the People, and to teſtifie; that it is he which was ordained of God, to be the Judge of quick, and dead.*

Acts 17. 31. *He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the World in righteouſneſs, by that Man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given aſſurance unto all Men, in that he hath raiſed him from the dead.*

2 Cor. 5. 10. *We muſt all appear before the Judgment-ſeat of Chriſt; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good, or bad.*

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Sect. VI. *Of the Holy Ghoſt: and the following Articles of the Creed.*

Queſt. WHat believeſt thou concerning the eighth Article of the Creed, *I believe in the Holy Ghoſt?*

Anſw. I believe in the Holy Spirit, as God, together with the Father, and the Son: and that as the Scriptures come from his Inſpiration; ſo by his working upon the Soul, all good Chriſtians are led, and converted, and ſanctify'd, and made acceptable to God.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of theſe operations of the Divine Spirit?

Anſw. From *Rom.* 8. 14. *As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God.*

1 Cor. 3. 16. *Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God; and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

1 Cor. 6. 11. *But ye are waſhed, but ye are ſanctified, but ye are juſtified in the name of the Lord Jeſus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

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1 John 4. 13. *Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, becauſe he hath given us of his Spirit.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou, that the Scriptures come from the Inſpiration of the Holy Ghoſt?

Anſw. From 2 *Tim.* 3. 16. *All Scripture is given by inſpiration of God.*

2 Pet. 1. 21. *The Prophecy came not in old time by the Will of Man: but holy Men of God ſpake, as they were moved by the Holy Ghoſt.*

Acts 3. 21. *God hath ſpoken by the mouth of all his holy Prophets, ſince the World began.*

Joh. 16. 13. *When he the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the ninth Article of the Creed, *The Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints?*

Anſw. I believe that the Servants of God in all ages, and places, have made up one Body under Chriſt their Head; and that there is, and always will be a company of true Believers, appointed to Salvation, and joyning in the Word, and Sacraments under Paſtors lawfully ordain'd:

dain'd: and that the Members of this Church are called to be Saints; and ought to maintain communion with Christ, and fellowship with one another in all the Offices of Piety, and Charity.

Queſt. Why is the Church called Holy, and Catholick?

Anſw. The Church is called Holy, becauſe 'tis joyned to God in Covenant; and the true Members of it are ſanctify'd by the Spirit of Holineſs: and 'tis called Catholick, or Univerſal becauſe 'tis ſpread over all the World, and all Nations are equally admitted to it.

Q. What Proof haſt thou of this Holy, Catholick Church?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 16. 18. *Upon this Rock I will build my Church; and the Gates of Hell ſhall not prevail againſt it.*

Acts 20. 28. *The Holy Ghoſt hath made you Overſeers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchaſed with his own blood.*

Mar. 16. 15. *Go ye into all the World, and preach the Goſpel to every creature.*

Eph. 5. 27. *That he might preſent it to himſelf a glorious Church, not having ſpot,*

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or wrinkle: but that it ſhould be holy, and without blemiſh.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of the Communion of Saints?

Anſw. From *Acts* 2. 42. *They continued ſtedfaſtly in the Apoſtles doctrine, and fellowſhip; and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

Eph. 4. 3. *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the ſpirit, in the bond of peace.*

1 Cor. 1. 10. *I beſeech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that ye all ſpeak the ſame thing, and that there be no diviſions among you: but that ye be perfectly joyned together in the ſame mind, and in the ſame judgment.*

1 John 1. 7. *If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowſhip one with another.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the tenth Article of the Creed, *The forgiveneſs of Sins?*

Anſw. I believe that in the Chriſtian Church, pardon is offer'd by God to all penitent Sinners, and ſealed in Baptiſm, through the Merits of our Saviour's Death, and Satisfaction: and that he hath

hath authoriz'd the Miniſters of his Church, to declare, and apply this releaſe from the guilt of Sin, to all ſuch as ſincerely believe, and repent.

Queſt. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Anſw. From *Luke* 24. 47. *That repentance, and remiſſion of ſins ſhould be preached in his name among all Nations.*

2 Cor. 5. 19. *God was in Chriſt, reconciling the World unto himſelf, not imputing their treſpaſſes unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

Eph. 1. 7. *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveneſs of ſins, according to the riches of his Grace.*

John 20. 23. *Whoſe ſoever ſins ye remit, they are remitted unto them.*

Queſt. What believeſt thou concerning the eleventh Article of the Creed, *The Reſurrection of the Body?*

Anſw. I believe that the dead Bodies of all Men ſhall hereafter be rais'd out of the Grave, and reſtor'd for ever to their Souls; that they may be judged in the very ſame fleſh, which they had

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in this life; and that the Saints may be freed from Corruption, and clothed with Immortality.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Answ. From *John* 5. 28, 29. *The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the Graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of Life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of Damnation.*

Acts 24. 15. *I have hope towards God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just, and unjust.*

2 Cor. 4. 14. *Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus, shall raise up us also by Jesus.*

1 Thes. 4. 14. *If we believe that Jesus died, and rose again; even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him.*

Quest. What believest thou concerning the twelth Article of the Creed, *And the Life everlasting?*

Answ. I believe that after the Resurrection, all the Righteous shall enjoy

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eternal, and unſpeakable happineſs, both in Body, and Soul; and dwell for ever with Chriſt in the higheſt Heavens.

Queſt. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Anſw. From *John* 6. 47. *Verily, verily I ſay unto you; He that believeth on me, hath everlaſting life.*

John 10. 28. *I give unto them eternal life; and they ſhall never periſh, neither ſhall any pluck them out of my hand.*

1 Pet. 5. 4. *When the chief Shepherd ſhall appear, ye ſhall receive a Crown of glory that fadeth not away.*

1 John 5. 11. *This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life: and this life is in his Son.*

Queſt. How are the Wicked to be diſpos'd of hereafter?

Anſw. They are to be baniſh'd from the preſence of God; and tormented eternally in Hell, with the Devil, and his Angels.

Queſt. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 25. 41. *Depart from me ye curſed, into everlaſting fire, prepared*

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for the Devil, and his Angels.

Luke 3. 17. *He will gather the Wheat into his Garner; but the Chaff he will burn with fire unquencheable.*

1 Cor. 6. 9. *Know ye not, that the unrighteous ſhall not inherit the Kingdom of God?*

2 Theſ. 1. 7, 8, 9. *The Lord Jeſus ſhall be revealed from Heaven, with his mighty Angels; In flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt: Who ſhall be puniſhed with everlaſting deſtruction, from the preſence of the Lord, and from the glory of his Power.*

Sect. VII. *Of the Ten Commandments.*

Queſt. YOu ſaid that your God-fathers, and God-mothers did promiſe for you, that you ſhould keep God's Commandments. Tell me how many there be.

Anſw. Ten.

Quest. Hath God given us no more than Ten Rules of Obedience?

Answ. The Ten Commandments are a Summary of the Moral Law, containing our whole Duty both to God, and Man.

Quest. Which be they?

Answer.

THe same which God spake in the twentieth Chapter of Exodus, saying; I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

I. Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thy self any graven Image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third, and fourth Generation of them that hate me; and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

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III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep Holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the Seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of Work, thou, and thy Son, and thy Daughter, thy Man-servant, and thy Maid-servant, thy Cattel, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in six days the Lord made Heaven, and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the Seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Seventh day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy Father, and thy Mother; that thy days may be long in the Land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no Murther.

VII. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not Steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy Neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's house; thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife; nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is his.

Quest. What Proof hast thou, that Christ hath confirmed these Commandments?

Answ. From *Mat.* 19. 17. *If thou wilt enter into life, keep the Commandments.*

Mat. 22. 37, 38, 39, 40. *Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind: This is the first, and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self. On these two Commandments hang all the Law, and the Prophets.*

Rom. 7. 12. *The Law is holy; and the Commandment holy, and just, and good.*

Quest. What dost thou chiefly learn by these Commandments?

Answ. I learn two things: my duty towards God, and my duty towards my Neighbour.

Quest. What is thy duty towards God?

Answ.

Answ. My duty towards God, is to believe in him, to fear him; and to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength; to worship him; to give him thanks; to put my whole trust in him; to call upon him; to honour his holy Name, and his Word; and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

Quest. What is thy duty towards thy Neighbour?

Ans. My duty towards my Neighbour, is to love him as my self; and to do to all Men, as I would they should do unto me. To love, honour, and succour my Father, and Mother. To honour, and obey the King; and all that are put in Authority under him. To submit my self to all my Governours, Teachers, Spiritual Pastours, and Masters. To order my self lowly, and reverently to all my Betters. To hurt no body by word, or deed. To be true, and just in all my dealing. To bear no malice, nor hatred in my heart. To keep my hands from picking, and stealing; and my tongue from evil speaking, lying, and slandering.

To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity. Not to covet, nor desire other Men's Goods; but to learn, and labour truly to get mine own living; and to do my duty in that state of life, unto which it shall please God to call me.

Sect. VIII. *Of the Duties of the First Table.*

Quest. THou hast told me the several parts of thy Duty towards God: but how dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to believe in him?

Answ. From *Heb.* 11. 6. *Without Faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Rom. 4. 20. *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief: but was strong in Faith, giving glory to God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to fear God?

Answ. From *Luke* 12, 5. *I will forewarn you*

you whom you ſhall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed, hath power to caſt into Hell; yea, I ſay unto you, Fear him.

1 Pet. 2. 17. *Fear God.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it to be thy duty, to love God?

Anſw. From *Mar.* 12. 30. *Thou ſhalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy ſoul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy ſtrength.*

John 21. 15. *Lord, thou knoweſt that I love thee.*

Eph. 6. 24. *Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jeſus Chriſt in ſincerity.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it to be thy duty, to worſhip God?

Anſw. From *John* 4. 23. *The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worſhippers ſhall worſhip the Father in Spirit, and in Truth: for the Father ſeeketh ſuch to worſhip him.*

Mat. 4. 10. *It is written, Thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy God, and him only ſhalt thou ſerve.*

Rev. 22. 9. *Worſhip God.*

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou for Bodily Worſhip?

Anſw.

Answ. From *Luke* 22. 41. *He kneeled down, and prayed.*

Acts 20. 36. *He kneeled down, and prayed with them all.*

Ephes. 3. 14. *I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Rev. 4. 10. *The Elders fall down before him that sat on the Throne, and worship him that liveth for ever, and ever.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou from the Christian Law, against Idolatrous Worship?

Answ. From 1 *Cor.* 10. 14. *My dearly beloved, flee from Idolatry.*

2 Cor. 6. 16. *What agreement hath the Temple of God with Idols?*

1 John 5. 21. *Little Children, keep your selves from Idols.*

Quest. Are Christians bound to keep Holy the Sabbath-day, for the more solemn Worship of God?

Answ. The Precept of the *Sabbath* is still in force, as to the Moral Equity of it; but not as to the Ceremonial part, and the limitation of the Seventh day of the Week: And instead hereof, the Christian Church hath from the beginning

ning ſet apart the Firſt day of the Week, in memory of our Lord's Reſurrection upon that day; and then the publick worſhip of God requires our attendance.

Queſt. How is this Practice proved to be from the Apoſtles?

Anſw. From *John* 20. 19. *The ſame day at Evening, being the firſt day of the Week, when the doors were ſhut, where the Diſciples were aſſembled for fear of the Jews, came Jeſus, and ſtood in the midſt, and ſaith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

Acts 20. 7. *Upon the firſt day of the Week, when the Diſciples came together to break bread,* Paul *preached unto them.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to give thanks to God?

Anſw. From 1 *Theſ.* 5. 18. *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Chriſt Jeſus concerning you.*

Eph. 5. 20. *Giving thanks always for all things unto God, and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.*

Heb. 13. 15. *Let us offer the ſacrifice of praiſe to God continually; that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his Name.*

Queſt.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to put thy whole truſt in God?

Anſw. From 1 *Tim.* 4. 10. *We truſt in the living God, who is the Saviour of all Men, eſpecially of thoſe that believe.*

Phil. 4. 6. *Be careful for nothing: but in every thing by prayer, and ſupplication with thankſgiving, let your requeſts be made known unto God.*

1 Pet. 5. 7. *Caſting all your care upon him, for he careth for you.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to call upon God?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 7. 7. *Ask, and it ſhall be given you: ſeek, and ye ſhall find: knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you.*

Epheſ. 6. 18. *Praying always with all prayer, and ſupplication in the Spirit; and watching thereunto with all perſeverance.*

Col. 4. 2. *Continue in Prayer, and watch in the ſame with Thanksgiving.*

1 Theſ. 5. 17. *Pray without ceaſing.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to honour the name of God?

Anſw. From 1 *Tim.* 6. 1. *That the name of God, and his Doctrine be not blaſphemed.*

1 Cor. 10. 31. *Whatſoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

Queſt.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it unlawful, to diſhonour God's Name by Swearing?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 5. 34. *I ſay unto you, Swear not at all.*

Jam. 5. 12. *Above all things, my brethren, Swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the Earth, neither by any other Oath: but let your yea, be yea, and your nay, nay; leſt ye fall into condemnation.*

Queſt. Is then the taking of any Oath whatſoever prohibited by Chriſt?

Anſw. No: this is not our Saviour's meaning, to forbid the taking of any Oath whatſoever, though requir'd by the Magiſtrate, and taken for righteous ends: but that which he forbids, is the Swearing raſhly, or vainly, or falſly, or in ordinary communication.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to honour, and obey the word of God?

Anſw. From *Luke* 11. 28. *Bleſſed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*

Col. 3. 16. *Let the word of Chriſt dwell in you richly in all wiſdom.*

2 Tim. 3. 15. *From a Child thou haſt known*

known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Jam. 1. 21. *Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your Souls. But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to serve God all the days of thy life?

Answ. From *Luke* 1. 74, 75. *That we might serve him without fear, In holiness, and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.*

Rom. 6. 22. *Being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*

1 Cor. 6. 20. *Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorifie God in your Body, and in your Spirit, which are God's.*

2 Cor. 5. 15. *He died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves; but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

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Sect. IX. *Of the Duties of the Second Table.*

Queſt. THou haſt told me the ſeveral parts of thy Duty towards thy Neighbour: but how doſt thou prove it to be thy duty, to love him as thy ſelf?

Anſw. From *Gal.* 5. 14. *All the Law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou ſhalt love thy Neighbour as thy ſelf.*

Jam. 2. 8. *If ye fulfill the Royal Law, according to the Scripture, Thou ſhalt love thy Neighbour as thy ſelf, ye do well.*

John 13. 34. *A new Commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye alſo love one another.*

1 John 3. 11. *This is the Meſſage that ye heard from the beginning, that we ſhould love one another.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to do to all Men, as thou wouldeſt they ſhould do to thee?

Anſw.

Answ. From *Mat.* 7. 12. *All things whatsoever ye would that Men should do to you, do ye even so to them.*

Luke 6. 31. *As ye would that Men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to love, honour, and succour thy Father, and Mother?

Answ. From *Mat.* 15. 4. *God commanded, saying, Honour thy Father, and Mother.*

Ephes. 6. 1, 2. *Children, obey your Parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy Father, and Mother.*

Col. 3. 20. *Children, obey your Parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord.*

1 Tim. 5. 4. *If any Widow have Children, or Nephews, let them first learn to shew Piety at home, and to requite their Parents: for that is good, and acceptable before God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, what duty lies upon Parents in regard to their Children?

Answ. From *Eph.* 6. 4. *Ye Fathers, provoke not your Children to wrath: but bring them*

them up in the nurture, and admonition of the Lord.

Heb. 12. 7. *What Son is he whom the Father chaſteneth not?*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to honour, and obey the King; and all that are put in Authority under him?

Anſw. From *Rom.* 13. 1, 2, 5. *Let every ſoul be ſubject unto the higher Powers. For there is no Power but of God: the Powers that be, are ordained of God. Whoſoever therefore reſiſteth the Power, reſiſteth the ordinance of God: and they that reſiſt, ſhall receive to themſelves damnation. Wherefore ye muſt needs be ſubject, not only for wrath, but alſo for conſcience ſake.*

Tit. 3. 1. *Put them in mind to be ſubject to Principalities, and Powers; to obey Magiſtrates; to be ready to every good work.*

1 Pet. 2. 13, 14. *Submit your ſelves to every ordinance of Man for the Lord's ſake; whether it be to the King, as ſupreme; Or unto Governours, as unto them that are ſent by him, for the puniſhment of evil-doers, and for the praiſe of them that do well.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to ſubmit thy ſelf to thy Spiritual Governours, and Paſtours?

Anſw. From *Heb.* 13. 17. *Obey them that have the Rule over you, and ſubmit your ſelves: for they watch for your Souls, as they that muſt give account: that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you.*

1 Tim. 5. 17. *Let the Elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honour; eſpecially they who labour in the word, and doctrine.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it to be the duty of Servants, to ſubmit to their Maſters?

Anſw. From *Eph.* 6. 5, 6. *Servants, be obedient to them that are your Maſters according to the fleſh; with fear, and trembling, in ſingleneſs of your heart, as unto Chriſt: Not with eye-ſervice, as Men-pleaſers, but as the ſervants of Chriſt; doing the will of God from the heart.*

Tit. 2. 9, 10. *Exhort Servants to be obedient unto their own Maſters, and to pleaſe them well in all things; not anſwering again, Not purloining, but ſhewing all good*

good fidelity; that they may adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

1 Pet. 2. 18. *Servants, be subject to your Masters with all fear; not only to the good, and gentle, but also to the froward.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, what duty lies upon Masters in regard to their Servants?

Answ. From *Col.* 4. 1. *Masters, give unto your Servants that which is just, and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in Heaven.*

Eph. 6. 9. *Ye Masters, do the same things unto them; forbearing threatning: knowing that your Master also is in Heaven, neither is there respect of Persons with him.*

Quest. How dost thou prove the duty of Husbands, and Wives, towards one another?

Answ. From *Col.* 3. 18, 19. *Wives, submit your selves unto your own Husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your Wives, and be not bitter against them.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to order thy self lowly, and reverently to all thy Betters?

Answ. From 1 *Pet.* 5. 5. *Ye Younger, submit your selves unto the Elder: yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility.*

Eph. 5. 21. *Submitting your selves one to another in the fear of God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to hurt no body by Word, or Deed?

Answ. From *Rom.* 12. 17, 18. *Recompense to no Man evil for evil. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all Men.*

Eph. 4. 31. *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.*

1 Thes. 5. 15. *See that none render evil for evil unto any Man: but ever follow that which is good, both among your selves, and to all men.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to be true, and just in all thy dealings?

Answ. From *Rom.* 13. 7. *Render to all their dues.*

Phil. 4. 8. *Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure,*

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whatſoever things are lovely, whatſoever things are of good report; if there be any vertue, and if there be any praiſe, think on theſe things.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to bear no malice, nor hatred in thy heart?

Anſw. From *Col.* 3. 8. *Put off all theſe, anger, wrath, malice.*

1 Joh. 3. 15. *Whoſoever hateth his Brother, is a murderer: and ye know, that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

Rom. 12. 19. *Dearly beloved, avenge not your ſelves.*

Eph. 4. 26. *Let not the Sun go down upon your wrath.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy hands from Picking, and Stealing?

Anſw. From *Eph.* 4. 28. *Let him that ſtole, ſteal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good.*

1 Theſ. 4. 6. *That no man go beyond and defraud his Brother in any matter.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy tongue from evil-

ſpeaking, and ſlandering?

Anſw. From *Tit.* 3. 2. *To ſpeak evil of no man.*

Jam. 4. 11. *Speak not evil one of another.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy tongue from Lying?

Anſw. From *Eph.* 4. 25. *Putting away Lying, ſpeak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are Members one of another.*

Col. 3. 9. *Lye not one to another, ſeeing that ye have put off the Old Man with his deeds.*

Rev. 21. 8. *All Lyars ſhall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire, and brimſtone.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy Body in temperance, and ſoberneſs?

Anſw. From *Luke* 21. 34. *Take heed to your ſelves, leſt at any time your hearts be overcharged with ſurfeiting, and drunkenneſs.*

Rom. 13. 13. *Let us walk honeſtly as in the day, not in rioting, and drunkenneſs.*

Eph. 5. 18. *Be not drunk with Wine, wherein is exteſs.*

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1 Theſ. 5. 7, 8. *They that be drunken, are drunken in the night: But let us who are of the day, be ſober.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy body in Chaſtity?

Anſw. From 1 *Cor.* 6. 18. *Flee fornication: he that committeth fornication, ſinneth againſt his own body.*

Eph. 5. 5. *This ye know, that no Whoremonger, nor unclean Perſon, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Chriſt, and of God.*

1 Theſ. 4. 7. *God hath not called us unto uncleanneſs, but unto holineſs.*

Heb. 13. 4. *Marriage is honourable in all, and the Bed undefiled: but Whoremongers, and Adulterers God will judge.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, not to covet, nor deſire other Men's Goods?

Anſw. From *Luke* 12. 15. *Take heed and beware of Covetouſneſs.*

Heb. 13. 5. *Let your converſation be without Covetouſneſs: and be content with ſuch things as ye have.*

1 Tim. 6. 8. *Having food, and raiment, let us be therewith content.*

Acts 20. 33. *I have coveted no man's Silver, or Gold, or Apparel.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it thy duty, to learn, and labour to get thine own living honeſtly, in that ſtate of life to which God ſhall call thee?

Anſw. From 1 *Theſ.* 4. 11. *That ye ſtudy to be quiet, and to do your own buſineſs, and to work with your own hands.*

2 Theſ. 3. 12. *We command, and exhort by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that with quietneſs they work, and eat their own bread.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove it the duty of Chriſtians, to relieve the Poor, according to the ſtate of life, in which they are placed?

Anſw. From *Luke* 11. 41. *Give Alms of ſuch things as you have.*

Acts 20. 35. *Ye ought to ſupport the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jeſus; how he ſaid; It is more bleſſed to give, than to receive.*

1 John 3. 17. *Whoſo hath this World's good, and ſeeth his Brother have need, and ſhutteth up his bowels of compaſſion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

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Heb. 13. 16. *To do good, and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*

Sect. X. *Of the Lord's Prayer.*

Catechist. My good Child, know this, that thou art not able to do these things of thy self; nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve him without his special Grace; which thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent Prayer. Let me hear therefore if thou canst say the Lord's Prayer.

Answer.

OUr Father, which art in Heaven; 1. Hallowed be thy Name: 2. Thy Kingdom come: 3. Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. 4. Give us this day our daily bread: 5. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: 6. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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Queſt. How doth it appear, that we are directed to uſe this form of Prayer?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 6. 9. *After this manner Pray ye.*

Luke 11. 2. *When ye Pray, ſay; Our Father,* and ſo on.

Queſt. What deſireſt thou of God in this Prayer?

Anſw. I deſire my Lord God our Heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodneſs, 1. to ſend his Grace unto me, and to all People; that we may worſhip him, 2. ſerve him, and 3. obey him as we ought to do. 4. And I pray unto God, that he will ſend us all things that be needful both for our Souls, and Bodies: 5. And that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our ſins: 6. And that it will pleaſe him to ſave, and defend us, in all dangers ghoſtly, and bodily; and that he will keep us from all ſin, and wickedneſs, and from our ghoſtly Enemy; and from everlaſting death. And this I truſt he will do of his mercy, and goodneſs, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. And therefore I ſay, Amen. So be it.

Queſt. Thou haſt anſwer'd well: But

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to ſpeak more diſtinctly of the ſeveral Petitions of the Lord's Prayer, what do we particularly requeſt of God, in the Firſt Petition of it, *Hallowed be thy Name?*

Anſw. We pray, that God may be glorify'd by us, and all Men, in every thing; and that he would enable us in all our actions to promote the honour of his Name.

Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Second Petition, *Thy Kingdom come?*

Anſw. We pray, that God would rule in our hearts; and enlarge the Chriſtian Church, which is his Kingdom of Grace: and that he would haſten his Kingdom of Glory; and that the power of Sin, and Satan may be aboliſh'd in us, and in all the World.

Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Third Petition, *Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven?*

Anſw. We pray, that God would enable us to perform his Will, with the ſame readineſs, and obedience, as 'tis fulfill'd by the Angels, and Saints in Heaven: and that in all things which he ſhall

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appoint, we may chearfully ſubmit to his good pleaſure.

Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Fourth Petition, *Give us this day our daily bread?*

Anſw. We pray for all the neceſſary ſupports of Life; and for the ſuſtenance both of Body, and Soul; and for God's bleſſing upon our lawful induſtry: and we acknowledge hereby our dependence on God's daily care.

Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Fifth Petition, *Forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us?*

Anſw. We pray to be releas'd from the guilt, and penalty of our daily ſins: and becauſe God hath made the forgiving of our Brethren, the condition of granting his Pardon to us; we declare ſolemnly to him, that we are ready to forgive all that have offended us, as we hope for remiſſion from him.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove this to be the Condition, of our expecting God's Forgiveneſs?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 6. 14, 15. *If ye forgive*

give Men their treſpaſſes, your Heavenly Father will alſo forgive you. But if ye forgive not Men their treſpaſſes, neither will your Father forgive your treſpaſſes.

Mar. 11. 25. *When ye ſtand praying, forgive, if ye have ought againſt any: that your Father alſo which is in Heaven may forgive you your treſpaſſes.*

Luke 6. 37. *Forgive, and ye ſhall be forgiven.*

Queſt. What do we particularly requeſt of God in the Sixth Petition, *Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil?*

Anſw. We pray, that God would either keep us from all temptations to ſin, or would ſtrengthen us under them; and that he would preſerve us from all evil, both of Sin, and of Puniſhment; and eſpecially from the Snares of the Devil.

Queſt. Why do we pray, that God would not *lead us into temptation*, ſince he never tempteth any Man to ſin?

Anſw. Becauſe though God doth never tempt any Man to ſin, yet all temptations are by his Permiſſion; and he can

can ſtop them at any time, and keep us from falling.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou of God's Power, and Goodneſs in this matter?

Anſw. From 1 Cor. 10. 13. *God is faithful, who will not ſuffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation alſo make a way to eſcape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

2 Pet. 2. 9. *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly out of temptations.*

Queſt. What is the Form of Praiſe, and Thankſgiving, which uſually concludes the Lord's Prayer?

Anſw. Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever, and ever.

Anſw. Thou ſayeſt, *Amen*, in confidence of God's hearing thee: But what proof haſt thou of his hearing, and granting our requeſts?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 7. 8. *Every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that ſeeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it ſhall be opened.*

Mat. 21. 22. *All things whatſoever ye ſhall ask in Prayer, believing, ye ſhall receive.*

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John 16. 23. *Verily, verily I say unto you; Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, he will give it you.*

1 John 5. 14. *This is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his Will, he heareth us.*

Sect. XI. *Of the Two Sacraments: and more particularly of Baptism.*

Quest. HOw many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

Answ. Two onely, as generally necessary to Salvation; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

Quest. What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?

Answ. I mean an outward, and visible sign of an inward, and Spiritual Grace, given unto us; ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

Quest. How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

Answ.

Answ. Two: The outward visible Sign, and the inward Spiritual Grace.

Quest. What is the outward visible Sign, or Form in Baptism?

Answ. Water: wherein the Person is baptized, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Quest. Where is the Command of baptizing thus?

Answ. In *Mat.* 28. 19. *Go ye, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

Quest. What is the inward, and Spiritual Grace?

Answ. A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: For being by nature born in sin, and the Children of wrath, we are hereby made the Children of Grace.

Quest. What is the death unto Sin?

Answ. Death unto Sin, is the being cleansed from the pollution of it; and the ceasing from it, as a dead Man doth from the Actions of Life.

Quest. What is the new birth unto righteousness?

Answ.

Anſw. The new birth unto righteouſneſs, is a Change in the Soul; by receiving holy diſpoſitions from the Spirit of God, and an ability to proceed in all vertue, and godlineſs of living.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that in Baptiſm there is a death unto ſin, and a new birth unto righteouſneſs?

Anſw. From *Rom.* 6. 4. *We are buried with him by Baptiſm into death: that like as Chriſt was raiſed up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even ſo we alſo ſhould walk in newneſs of life.*

Col. 2. 12. *Buried with him in Baptiſm, wherein alſo you are riſen with him; through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raiſed him from the dead.*

2 Cor. 5. 17. *If any man be in Chriſt, he is a new Creature.*

Rom. 6. 11. *Reckon ye your ſelves to be dead indeed unto ſin; but alive unto God, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that by Nature we are born in Sin, and the Children of wrath?

Anſw. From *Eph.* 2. 3. *We all were by nature the Children of wrath, even as others.*

Rom. 5. 12. *By one Man Sin entred into*

the World, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all Men, for that all have sinned.

Quest. What is required of Persons to be baptized?

Answ. Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and Faith, whereby they stedfastly believe the Promises of God, made to them in that Sacrament.

Quest. Why then are Infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them?

Answ. Because they promise them both by their Sureties: which promise, when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Repentance is required of Persons to be baptized?

Answ. From *Acts* 2. 38. *Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins.*

Mat. 4. 17. *Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, that this Repentance is the forsaking of sin?

Answ. From 2 *Tim.* 2. 19. *Let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity.*

1 John 3. 6. *Whoſoever abideth in him, ſinneth not: whoſoever ſinneth, hath not ſeen him, neither known him.*

Qu. How doſt thou prove, that Faith is requir'd of Perſons to be baptized?

Anſw. From *Acts* 2. 41. *They that gladly received his word, were baptized.*

Acts 8. 36, 37. *The Eunuch ſaid, See, here is Water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And* Philip *ſaid, If thou believeſt with all thine heart, thou mayeſt.*

Queſt. How is the Baptiſm of Infants grounded upon Scripture?

Anſw. 'Tis grounded upon the adminiſtration of Circumciſion to Infants under the Law; and upon the ordaining of Baptiſm as the way to Salvation; and upon the aſſurance that Infants are capable of being ſaved.

Queſt. How doſt thou prove, that Infants are in a capacity of Salvation?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 19. 14. *Suffer little Children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of ſuch is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

1 Cor. 7. 14. *Elſe were your Children unclean; but now are they holy.*

Queſt. How doſt thou prove the neceſſity of Baptiſm?

Answ. From *John* 3. 5. *Except a man be born of Water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.*

1 Pet. 3. 21. *Baptism doth also now save us.*

Sect. XII. *Of the Lord's Supper.*

Quest. Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordain'd?

Answ. For the continual remembrance of the Sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

Quest. How doth this appear to be the end of ordaining this Sacrament?

Answ. From *Luke* 22. 19. *This is my Body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

1 Cor. 11. 26. *As often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

Quest. What is the outward part, or sign of the Lord's Supper?

Answ. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of this Command?

Answ.

Answ. From 1 *Cor.* 11. 23, 24, 25. *I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered unto you; that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took Bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said; Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the Cup, when he had supped, saying; This Cup is the New Testament in my Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Quest. What is the inward part, or thing signified?

Ans. The Body, and Blood of Christ, which are verily, and indeed taken, and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Quest. What are the benefits, whereof we are partakers thereby?

Answ. The strengthning, and refreshing of our Souls by the Body, and Blood of Christ; as our Bodies are by the Bread, and Wine.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that the Body, and Blood of Christ are truly, and Spiritually receiv'd in the Lord's Supper?

Answ. From *Mat.* 26. 26, 27, 28. *Jesus took Bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave*

gave it to the Disciples, and said; Take, eat, this is my Body. And he took the Cup, and gave Thanks, and gave it to them, saying; Drink ye all of it: For this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

1 Cor. 10. 16. *The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ? The Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?*

John 6. 54. *Whoso eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, hath eternal life.*

Quest. What is required of them who come to the Lords Supper?

Answ. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new Life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death, and be in Charity with all Men.

Quest. How dost thou prove such Examination to be necessary?

Answ. From 1 *Cor.* 11. 27, 28. *Whosoever shall eat this Bread, and drink this Cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. But let a man*

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Examine himſelf; and ſo let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup.

Queſt. Why is Repentance neceſſary to the receiving of the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Becauſe without Repentance, we can hope for no benefit from the death of Chriſt, which we here commemorate; and have the merits of it conveigh'd to us by this ſacred Memorial.

Queſt. How is it prov'd, that we ought ſo to Repent?

Anſw. From 1 *Cor.* 5. 8. *Let us keep the Feaſt, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice, and wickedneſs; but with the unleavened bread of ſincerity, and truth.*

1 Cor. 11. 31. *If we would judge our ſelves, we ſhould not be judged.*

Queſt. Why is Faith neceſſary to the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Becauſe 'tis a Sacrament appointed for ſuch Believers, as own their Baptiſm, and are ripe in knowledge; and herein they have a near communion with Chriſt, and feed on him by faith.

Queſt. What proof haſt thou for this duty?

Anſw. From *Heb.* 10. 22. *Let us draw near with a true heart, in full aſſurance of Faith.*

2 Cor. 13. 5. *Examine your ſelves, whether ye be in the Faith.*

Queſt. Why is our Thankfulneſs neceſſary to the Lord's Supper?

Anſw.

Answ. Becauſe 'tis a Sacrifice of Thankſgiving to God, for our redemption by Chriſt.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou for a thankful remembrance hereof?

Anſw. From *Rom.* 5. 8. *God commendeth his love towards us, in that while we were yet ſinners, Chriſt died for us.*

1 Pet. 1. 18, 19. *Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as Silver, and Gold: But with the precious blood of Chriſt, as of a Lamb without blemiſh, and without ſpot.*

Queſt. Why is the being in Charity neceſſary to the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Becauſe 'tis a Feaſt of Love, and a Communion of Chriſtians one with another; and ſignifies their conjunction in one Spiritual Body.

Queſt. What Proof haſt thou for this duty?

Anſw. From *Mat.* 5. 23, 24. *If thou bring thy Gift to the Altar, and there remembreſt that thy Brother hath ought againſt thee: Leave there thy Gift before the Altar, and go thy way; firſt be reconciled to thy Brother, and then come, and offer thy Gift.*

1 Cor. 10. 17. *We being many are one Bread, and one Body: for we are all partakers of that one Bread.*

Eph. 5 2. *Walk in love, as Chriſt alſo hath loved us: and hath given himſelf for us, an Offering, and a Sacrifice to God.*

1 John 4. 11. *If God ſo loved us, we ought alſo to love one another.*

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